

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2003.

Claims 1 and 43 are amended, and claims 52-61 are added; as a result, claims 1-9, and 43-61 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-5 and 43-47 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Consiglio (U.S. 5,519,327).

Independent claims 1 and 43 are amended to include elements similar to the elements of the allowable claims. Thus, claims 1 and 43, as amended, are also allowable. Application requests that the rejection of claims 1 and 43 be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1 and 43 are their dependent claims be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-9 and 48-51 were allowed.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 6-9 and 48-51.

New claims

Claims 52-61 are added. Claims 52-61 recite elements similar to the elements of the allowable claims 6-9 and 48-51. Thus, claims 52-61 are also allowable. Application requests that claims 52-61 be considered and allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative ((612) 373-6969) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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